a rotating roller disposed in the guide path and contributes to carry the sheet of paper;

a removing roller which is in contact with the periphery of the rotating roller and which rotates so as to both spread and reduce ink transferred to the rotating roller so that the ink on the periphery of the rotating roller can be dried quickly.--

2. Canceled).

and

- --3. (Amended) The stencil printer according to claim 1, wherein the removing roller rotates in accordance with the rotation of the rotating roller.--
- --10. (Amended) The stencil printer according to claim 1, wherein the rotating roller is a pair of resist rollers.
- 11. (Amended) The stencil printer according to claim 10, wherein the resist rollers are rotated not only at the time of conveying a printed sheet.
- 12. (Amended) The stencil printer according to claim 10, wherein the pair of resist rollers is rotated at the time of making a master by a master making mechanism.--

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendment and the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3-20 are pending in this application, claims 4-9 and 13-20 having been withdrawn from consideration by the examiner as being drawn to a non-elected invention, claim 2 having been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, by the present amendment, and claims 1, 3, and 10-12 having been amended, by this present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, the election of species requirement was made final, it is assumed that claims 4-9 and 13-20 (i.e., not claims 4-9 and 14-20 as was actually indicated on the PTO Form 326) were withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner as